



MAYOR JERRY SANDERS PRESS RELEASE

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SANDERS MAKES SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Jerry Sanders has Thomas Felkner, Theresa Oyos, and Carolina Ramos for appointment and nominate Gary D. Lynn, Nicole Murray Ramirez and Lorraine R. Johnson for reappointment to the Human Relations Commission, subject to City Council confirmation.

Mr. Felkner is the proprietor of the San Diego News Group, Inc. an LGBT community print and internet media venture. Prior to this, Mr. Felkner was the owner of Bourbon Street, a nightclub and live entertainment venue. Prior to opening the club, Mr. Felkner held executive posts at Arthur Anderson and Anderson Consulting Group (now known as Accenture) and finished his career there as Associate Partner reporting to the Chief Executive Officer. Since moving to San Diego he has made many civic and community commitments over the years including service on the boards of Mama's Kitchen, the San Diego Democratic Club, and is active with the LGBT's veteran's organization. Mr. Felkner will replace Christine Fletcher who has resigned.

Ms. Oyos is a Senior Community Program Representative with the University of San Diego, California's HIV Neurobehavioral Research Center, a post she has held for 10 years. In this capacity she is responsible for recruiting, screening, and enrolling participants for various research studies. Prior to this she worked as an AIDS Peer Educator with the AIDS Education Project; as a Recovery/Prevention Specialist with Southeast Recovery Program; and a Resident Manager of Casa de Milagros a women's recovery home. Ms. Oyos will replace Karen Marshall who has resigned.

Carolina Alcoser Ramos is the coordinator of Latino – Latina Services for the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center, a post she has held since 2003. Prior to joining The Center, she served as the Regional Director of Bienestar Human Services as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, homeless youth, and children in protective custody, a Domestic Violence Advocate for the Palomar Pomerado Family Violence Program; and a Case Manager/Outreach Specialist for the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. Ms. Ramos has served on the Board of Directors of PACTO Latino Aids Organization and been honored by Phi Beta Kappa as Citizen of the Year. Ms. Ramos will replace George Khoury who has resigned.

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